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NUTRITION COMMITTEE NEWS

For exchange of information on nutrition education and school lunch activities.

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INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION EDUCATION AND SCHOOL LUNCH

WHAT ICNESL DID IN 1955-56

Efforts in which ICNESL engages vary from year to year. Six broad areas of work delineate the types of nutrition education and school lunch activities which the Committee and its member agencies are likely to pursue. (See Winter 1955-56 issue of NCN.) During the past year particular attention was given to (1) exchanging information on food and nutrition programs; (2) providing consultant and liaison service; and (3) facilitating preparation of materials needed to help people improve their diets and nutritional well-being.

What ICNESL does is similar to what other nutrition committees do or might do. Therefore, selected activities of ICNESL during 1955-56 are described briefly below—for their information and idea-generating value. Further details can be obtained from Nutrition Programs Service, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

Information exchange

FIELD TRIP TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH. There Dr. James M. Hundley, Chief of Laboratory Research, National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases, and members of his staff gave summaries of their nutrition research including investigations in new areas. They also told about the Interdepartmental Committee on Nutrition for National Defense, a coordinating group started more than a year ago, whose secretariat is located at NIH.

The Interdepartmental Committee collects data of nutritional significance for countries mutually allied for defense. Survey teams include clinicians, biochemists, nutritional specialists, food technologists, and a number of technicians. Medical and laboratory people of the countries also serve on the teams and learn, while doing, how nutrition surveys are made in the United States.

OTHER INFORMATION PROGRAMS. Several meetings during the year contributed to a better understanding of the food and nutrition activities of member agencies and of organizations having related programs. At one meeting Lewis J. Jones, field representative, Federal Extension Service, described what is happening in the States on the Rural Development Program. This program is designed to help farm families in low-income and underdeveloped areas in the United States plan better use of their resources.

Another meeting participated in by several agencies from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and from Agriculture, was devoted to federal programs for the ultimate consumer. Persons responsible for these programs told about food preference studies and how findings have been used to improve food on the market, about development of informational materials for consumers, and about current programs in distributive education for training high school youths and adults.

Exchange of information at regular monthly meetings, which was started soon after the Committee came into being, continues to keep members informed on current developments in ICNESL and related agencies, in Washington, D. C., as well as in the States.

VIEWING FILMS. Thirteen films and six filmstrips relating to nutrition or school lunch were seen during the year. A subcommittee developed a form for recording important factual data on each film and filmstrip viewed. Filled forms are attached to minutes of meeting. At their request, the data sheets were made available to the American Dietetic Association which publishes a bibliography on Food and Nutrition Films for All Ages.

A personal evaluation form for use of members during viewing of films or filmstrips also was developed.

World Health Day is April 7. It's not too early to start your program plans now.

Consultant and liaison service

FOOD FOR HAITI. In late summer of 1955, the American National Red Cross requested ICNESL members to help to determine the best foods to send to Haiti. People of that country were suffering from famine—an aftermath of a hurricane the previous year. The Red Cross was acting for the United States Government from which the Haitian Government had requested vitamins, plasma, and food.

SCHOOL LUNCHES FOR CHILDREN OF AGRICULTURAL MIGRANTS. At the request of the Interdepartmental Committee on Children and Youth, members of ICNESL explored with their associates and State counterparts the extent to which the school lunch program served migrant children. Reports indicated that needy children regardless of residence status receive free school lunches. To obtain complete information on this point, special means would need to be developed, since separate school lunch records are not kept for migrant children as a group. (For an article on The Wiggins Migrant School see the Amer. School Food Serv. News, 10(5)51, Oct. 1956.)

NUTRITION COMMITTEE NEWS. Members of the ICNESL give consultant service and make contributions to USDA's Nutrition Committee News. For this year's issues on adult nutrition, ICNESL members helped assemble examples of types of nutrition programs for adults conducted by their State and regional counterparts.

UNIFYING NUTRITION COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN THE COUNTRY. Members of ICNESL have continued (as they have since 1945 when the War Food Administration was terminated) to maintain liaison with 34 State and 2 city nutrition committees as well as a few other local committees. As formerly, this has been done through correspondence and through visits when ICNESL members were in the States on official business for their agencies, and when officers of State and city committees were in Washington, D. C.

The annual meeting of the American Home Economics Association, held in Washington, D. C., this year, provided an opportunity for nutrition committee members to meet at a 2-hour breakfast meeting on June 26. (See NCN, September-October 1956.)

Materials

PREPARATION. ICNESL revised two of its publications this year. As usual, member agencies volunteered to process the publications since ICNESL has no funds of its own.

The Committee's "Selected References on Nutrition and School Lunch" was revised for the third time. The newest edition was published in January 1956 by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior. (Earlier editions were published by the Nutrition Programs Service

of the Department of Agriculture and by the Office of Education of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.)

A second Committee publication "Nutrition Education and School Lunch Activities of Agencies Represented on the Interagency Committee on Nutrition Education and School Lunch" was revised by the committee in May 1956 and issued by the Nutrition Programs Service of USDA. It is for use of persons who work with students and for inservice staff training programs.

REVIEW AND SUGGESTIONS. Members of ICNESL, along with other reviewers, gave suggestions during preparation of "Essentials of An Adequate Diet" by the Household Economics Research Branch of USDA's Agricultural Research Service. The bulletin, released June 26, 1956, is source material for those in nutrition education who teach principles of good food selection. It contains a daily food plan, indicates how this plan measures up in providing an adequate diet, and tells how the plan developed.

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